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TO: File

FROM: Paul Baker, Senior Reclamation Biologist *PBB*

SUBJECT: Site Inspection, Star Stone, Torrey Sandstone Quarry, S/055/016, Wayne County, Utah

Date of Inspection: January 30, 2004
Time of Inspection: About 2:30 p.m.
Conditions: Mostly cloudy, 40's, patchy snow
Participants: Will Stokes (SITLA) and Paul Baker (DOGM)

Purpose of Inspection:

I wanted to verify that there was no active or recent mining.

Observations:

This was a very quick inspection; we simply drove through the area. I did not see any signs of recent mining activity. There were numerous palettes of stone, and it looked like some stone had probably been stolen. Most of the palettes were wrapped in chicken wire, and most/all of the stone was missing from a few of the palettes that were still wrapped.

Conclusions and Recommendations:

The operator received a directive from the Division last April which required that mining operations cease. It appears the operator is complying with this portion of the directive. The directive also required submittal of an interim reclamation bond and a Notice of Intention to Commence Large Mining Operations, but the Division has received neither of these. The Division should consider issuing a Notice of Agency Action and requiring the operator to appear before the Board.

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cc: Star Stone, operator
Buzz Rakow, Hanksville BLM
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